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Plan for College:

<http://www.knowhow2gomontana.org>

<http://www.mus.edu>

<http://www.smartaboutcollege.org>

[http://www.ourfactsyourfuture.org/admin/
uploadedPublications/2832_what2pack.pdf](http://www.ourfactsyourfuture.org/admin/uploadedPublications/2832_what2pack.pdf)

Pay for College:

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Entrance Exams:

<http://www.act.org>

<http://www.sattest.com>

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

<http://www.mus.edu/writingproficiency/index.asp>

Montana University System:

<http://www.mus.edu/>

Tribal Colleges:

[http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/indianed/
resources/dirindianed.pdf](http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/indianed/resources/dirindianed.pdf)



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What your friends don't know.

What your friends say: You only need to meet the minimum high school requirements to get into college.

What your friends don't know: Every college and university sets its own admission standards, and many schools require high school students to complete advanced courses. Once you're accepted, Rigorous Core qualifies you for unique financial aid and scholarship programs.

What your friends say: You only need to take challenging courses if you're planning to go to college.

What your friends don't know: Rigorous courses help EVERY student succeed after high school. Many jobs and technical schools demand advanced math and reading skills for entry. Having the required skills will also help you secure a higher paid position.

What your friends say: Take easy classes your senior year to keep your GPA high. Colleges care more about your GPA than the classes you take.

What your friends don't know: Colleges examine the classes you take to see if you have challenged yourself and have the skills to prepare you for the transition to college. For example, students who take a math course their senior year are less likely to be placed in a remedial math course their first semester of college.

What your friends say: You do not need to take advanced math or science courses unless you want to be a scientist or engineer.

What your friends don't know: Math and science classes emphasize problem solving skills and inquiry. These skills are helpful in all college courses. They may also help you increase your scores on college entrance exams like the SAT and the ACT.

What your friends say: You don't have to start getting serious about classes until your junior year of high school. No one cares how you do your freshman and sophomore year.

What your friends don't know: Your freshman and sophomore years lay the foundation for your high school education. If you wait until junior year to start taking Rigorous Core classes, it may be difficult or impossible to complete the requirements.

What your friends say: My friend is in college and she only studies the night before her tests. You don't have to study hard in high school or college.

What your friends don't know: Rigorous Core classes will help you stay organized and motivated. Learning how to manage your time wisely in high school prevents you from having to cram for tests in college. Time management skills are one of the most important tools to have in the "real world."

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In today's competitive world, choosing the right high school courses can lead you to more choices and opportunities. Whether you plan on attending college/technical school, starting an apprenticeship or getting a job right after graduation, challenging classes will better prepare you for your future. The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education has designated a list of courses, called **the Rigorous Core** to make it easier for you to stay ahead of the pack. Check out the list and ask yourself: **Am I ready for success?**

Montana's Rigorous Core Courses for Students and the MUS Honors Scholarship:
4 Years of English:
Classes should place an emphasis on written and oral communication skills and literature. *
4 Years of Math:
Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Computer Math. Students may also qualify by taking 4 courses of Integrated Mathematics. All must have grades of "C" or better.
3 Years of Lab Science:
General Science, Physical Science, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics.
3 Years of Social Studies:
World History, World Geography, American History, Government, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Tribal Government, American Indian History. **
3 Years of Electives:
World Language, Computer Science, Visual and Performing Arts, Speech/Debate, Vocational Education. ***
*Rigorous Core recommends a college-prep composition or research writing course.
**Rigorous Core recommends ½ year or more of Psychology, Humanities or a related course.
***Rigorous Core recommends at least 2 years of World Language.

Remember:

Montana's Rigorous Core is the criteria for the MUS Honors Scholarship and qualifies students for other federal scholarship programs.

You should talk with a school counselor or college admissions advisor before selecting courses. For a list of your high school's college prep courses, check out the website: <http://mus.edu/asa/hscp/index.asp>.

For admissions requirements see:
Montana State University, Bozeman:
<http://www.montana.edu/admissions/apply.shtml#freshman>
University of Montana, Missoula:
<http://www.montana.edu/admissions/apply.shtml#freshman>

Montana's Rigorous Core exceeds the Montana Board of Regent's preparatory curriculum for entrance into the 4-year Montana University System.

